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International Peace Park  
Biosphere Reserve  
World Heritage Site

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# Glacier National Park Press Kit

## *Fact Sheet*

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### HISTORY

Established as a park on May 11, 1910.

Established as Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park in 1932.

Going-to-the-Sun Road completed in 1932.

Established as an International Biosphere Reserve, 1974.

Waterton Lakes National Park established in 1895.

Established as Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park World Heritage Site, 1995.

### WATER

Number of lakes: 653

Acres of lakes: 27,023

Miles of shoreline: 392

Largest lake: Lake McDonald (10 miles long; 6,680 wide; 440' deep; 6823 acres)

Number of streams: 563

Total length of streams: 1,606 miles

Longest stream: Upper McDonald Creek (25.8 miles)

### LAND

Acreage: 1,013,594 acres...500+ in private ownership

Square miles: 1,583

Miles of exterior boundary: 205

Shared with Waterton National Park: 21 miles

Shared with British Columbia: 31 miles

Shared with U.S. Forest Service: 130 miles

Acres of defacto wilderness: 963,155...or 1,489.3 sq. miles

Acreage in Hudson Bay District:

Belly River: 162,766

Many Glacier: 211,610

St. Mary: 94,463

Two Medicine: 72,320

Acreage in West Lakes District:

North Fork: 240,234

Lake McDonald: 178,890

Walton: 195,612

Elevation at Logan Pass: 6,646 feet

Number of mountains: 175

Highest mountain: 10,448 ft...Mt. Cleveland

Number of glaciers: 37 named; all shrinking in size

Largest glacier: Blackfoot Glacier - .7 sq. miles

## FACILITIES

Number Class A campgrounds: 8, with 943 sites

Number Class B campgrounds: 5, with 61 sites

Number of trails: 151; total length - 743.3 miles

Miles of Continental Divide Trail in Glacier: 106

Wheelchair accessible walkways and corduroy

Trail of the Cedars (.3 mile...1,584 feet)

Logan Pass Boardwalk (2,300 feet)

Oberlin Bend Overlook

Running Eagle Nature Trail

Number backcountry campgrounds: 61, with 208 sites

Miles paved bicycle path: 2 miles...Apgar to West Glacier/HQ

Number designated picnic areas: 8...with 175 sites

Number of ('snowshoe') patrol cabins: 30

Number of visitor contact stations: 4

Number of boat access points: 6

## PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Number of fish species : 22...10 sport and 12 non-sport

Number of varieties of animals: 57...from mice to moose

Number of varieties of birds: 210 documented

Number of varieties of plants: 1,200 documented

Number of acres of Rocky Mt. Pine Bark Beetle-killed trees: 292,000...estimated

ANNUAL VISITATION	INCREASE/DECREASE	ANNUAL VISITATION	INCREASE/DECREASE
10-Year Increments		Visitation 1993....(2,141,704)	+ 8 %
Visitation 1911....(4000)		Visitation 1994....(2,152,989)	+ .5 %
Visitation 1920....(22,449)	+461%	Visitation 1995....(1,839,518)	- 15 %
Visitation 1930....(73,783)	+229 %	Visitation 1996....(1,720,576)	- 6 %
Visitation 1940....(177,307)	+140 %	Visitation 1997....(1,708,877)	- 1 %
Visitation 1950....(485,950)	+174 %	Visitation 1998....(1,830,944)	+ 7 %
Visitation 1960....(724,538)	+ 49 %	Visitation 1999....(1,686,007)	- 8 %
Visitation 1970....(1,241,603)	+ 71 %	Visitation 2000....(1,728,633)	+ 3 %
Visitation 1980....(1,475,538)	+ 19 %	Visitation 2001....(1,681,385)	- 3 %
Visitation 1990....(1,987,000)	+ 35 %	Visitation 2002....(1,905,681)	+ 13% **
Visitation 1993....(2,141,704)	+ 8 %		

\*\* New Counting / statistical analysis system implemented, new base line

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